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1. QUOTED BELOW IS TEXT OF FINAL DRAFT OF RES
ENTITLED "CONFERENCE-EXPOSITION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS".
NOTE THAT LANGUAGE CHANGES PROPOSED REF (1) NOT
INCLUDED IN FINAL DRAFT, OPERATIVE PARA 2, MEMBER
CANADIAN DELEGATION INDICATED TO MISOFF THAT PRE-
FERENCES OF SPONSORS WAS TO USE LANGUAGE THAT REFLECTED
LANGUAGE USED AT STOCKHOLM CONFERNECE. DEPARTMENT'S
COMMENTS ON FINAL DRAFT REQUESTED.

2. TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.2/L.1312 FOLLWOS
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
RECALLING ITS DECISION IN RESOLUTION 3001(XXVII) OF 15
DECEMBER 1972 TO HOLD A UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE-EXPOSITION
ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS,
NOTING THE IMPORTANCE AND PRIORITY GIVEN TO THE PROBLEMS
OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS BY THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON HUMAN ENVI-
RONMENT,
NOTING FURTHER THE FULL SUPPORT FOR THE CONFERENCE-EXPOSITION
EXPRESSED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING
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AT ITS EIGHTH SESSION IN GENEVA IN OCTOBER

1973, AND THE COMMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE REGARDING THE CONFERENCE-EXPOSITION,
HAVING CONSIDERED THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME ARISING FROM THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL PREPARED IN RESPONSE TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3001(XXVII) AND FROM THE REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS EXPERTS SEMINAR HELD IN VANCOUVER, CANADA, FROM 8 TO 12 MAY AS WELL AS THE COMMENTS OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL THEREON,
STRESSING THE URGENT NECESSITY FOR EARLY AND CO-ORDINATED ACTION TO SAFEGUARD AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN HUMAN SETTLEMENTS IN VIEW OF ACCELERATING URBANIZATION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, OFTEN ACCOMPANIED BY RURAL DEPOPULATION, BEARING IN MIND THE IMPORTANCE TO THE OVER-ALL OBJECTIVES OF THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE OF THE IMPROVEMENT IN THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN HUMAN SETTLEMENTS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS AN INTEGRAL COMPONENT IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPMENT,
WELCOMING THE CO-OPERATIVE PARTICIPATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME AND THE CENTRE FOR HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING IN THE DETAILED PLANNING FOR THE CONFERENCE-EXPOSITION,
REQUESTING THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT, IN THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE-EXPOSITION, THE RESULTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES, INCLUDING THE WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE,
1. DECIDES THAT THE CONFERENCE-EXPOSITION BE SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN VANCOUVER, CANADA, FROM 31 MAY TO 11 JUNE 1976;
2. ENDORSES IN GENERAL THE RECOMMENDATIONS PUT FORTH BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME REGARDING THE PURPOSES, OBJECTIVES AND METHOD OF FINANCING OF THE CONFERENCE-EXPOSITION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS;
3. AFFIRMS THAT IT SHOULD BE THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE CONFERENCE-EXPOSITION TO SERVE AS A PRACTICAL MEANS TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION ABOUT SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AGAINST A BROAD BACKGROUND OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND OTHER CONCERNS WHICH MAY LEAD TO THE FORMATION OF POLICIES AND ACTIONS BY GOVERNMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS;
4. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY - GENERAL TO ASSUME THE OVER-ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONFERENCE-EXPOSITION, BEARING IN MIND THE VIEWS EXPRESSED DURING THE DEBATES OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME AT ITS FIRST SESSION;
5. ESTABLISHED A PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE-EXPOSITION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS CONSISTING OF (UP TO) 58 HIGHLY QUALIFIED REPRESENTATIVES TO ADVISE THE SECRETARY-GENERAL NOMINATED BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF ... FOLLOWING THE

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PATTERN OF EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION SET OUT IN RESOLUTION 2997 (XXVII), SECTION I;

6. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO SET UP IMMEDIATELY A SMALL CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT, DRAWING UPON THE RESOURCES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM ESPECIALLY THOSE OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME SECRETARIAT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, AND TO APPOINT AT AN EARLY DATE A SECRETARY-GENERAL WHO WILL REPORT THROUGH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME AND WORK IN CLOSE CO-OPERATION WITH WITH THE UNDER-SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS AND THE HEADS OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES;

7. INVITES THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, THE IAEA, AND THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS TO COLLABORATE CLOSELY WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IN THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE-EXPOSITION AND TO ASSIST, AS APPROPRIATE IN THE WORK OF THE PREPARATORY

COMMITTEE;

8. URGES THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED TO LEND EVERY POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE IN THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE-EXPOSITION.

9. REQUEST THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE, TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS AS PART OF THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE-EXPOSITION, TO BRING TO GLOBAL ATTENTION THE NATURE AND RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF THE PROBLEMS OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS;

10. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY - GENERAL TO SUBMIT BRIEF PROGRESS REPORTS, THROUGH THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME, TO THE GENERAL

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